

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Bomb Threats
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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the Tempe Fire Department in the event of bomb threats within the City.

GUIDELINES

A bomb threat is a matter to be investigated by the Police Department. The threat does not constitute a fire or explosion, and the Fire Department will not take any action unless requested to do so by the Police Department. In most instances, a person who threatens someone with a bomb is doing so to disrupt normal activities. Our presence may only assist in aiding the criminal to obtain his goals.

1. If we are called to assist the Police Department:
 - A. Respond Code 2.
 - B. Do not position any vehicles in front of the threatened building, spot the apparatus approximately two blocks away.
 - C. Establish liaison with the Police Command Post.
2. If evacuation of the building is requested, determine if adjacent buildings are endangered.
 - A. As the occupants are removed, keep them away from all doors and windows and at a safe distance.
 - B. Do not alarm people by your actions or comments (in most cases, a calm demeanor can stabilize the situation).

At no time is any member of the Fire Department to give any information to the news media, or the public. This is a police incident and any request for information is to be referred to the Police Department.